

SONS OF VETERANS.

News from Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

CALIFORNIA.

From the Pacific Coast comes the command "Forward." Commander Shipley has been making strenuous efforts during the past few months to recruit this Division, and has been appointed to confer with the G. A. R. and everything in the power of the Commander has been done to increase the interest in the Order. Since the camp has been reduced to 18 years Commander Shipley has issued an order as follows:

It is my desire that every available recruit be mustered into our ranks, and the color of 270. We are only standing on ground which we ought to advance. The G. A. R. of this State have about 6,000 in line. We ought to have about as many. It became to look as though a few were doing the work and the others are shirking their duty. Brothers, this should not be; nothing but work will keep you in the ranks. You should make others do yours as well as their own. It is the belief of your Commander that you can make a splendid showing if you will only try. If you can bring in one recruit, which seems an easy thing to do, in a short time this Division would double its membership.

I wish to submit these questions and make the following suggestions: Do you think that you will be carried out at the next meeting of your Camp?

1. Do you know anyone eligible to membership in our Order?

2. Will you ever agree to bring in one recruit at the next meeting?

The answer which these questions should receive would more than make up the color of 270. "Forward" be given along the whole line, and we will be able to show that every obstacle to our progress has been removed.

Next to the Grand Army of the Republic we stand the grandest patriotic order in the world.

The resignation of Second Lieut. L. G. Parker, of Col. E. of Camp 5, has been accepted, and F. F. Baker has been elected to fill the vacancy.

CONNECTICUT.

At a meeting of Wm. H. Mallory Camp, 11, it was voted that a committee be appointed for the purpose of securing recruits, and that the different patriotic papers, and in General Orders issued in the month of August of the appointment of Capt. C. F. Sherman, of Mallory Camp, Bridgeport, as Division Correspondent.

It seems as though Col. F. S. Valentine has been very fortunate in his selection of Division Chaplain in the person of E. T. Ide, of Lockville. One as simple as Chaplain Ide is sure to succeed in the Order.

Another member of the staff is Capt. D. E. Ford, of Camp 6, Meriden. For a long time he has been conducting his Division, and after five years has not missed a meeting.

He served as Adjutant on Col. Barber's staff.

There is no more gentlemanly son of a veteran in the Division than Lieut. J. W. Wadsworth, of Litchfield. He was elected Captain of the Camp at that place for several years in succession, and the Camp always stood 99 per cent.

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REUNIONS.

Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations.

ILLINOIS.

C. W. Colby, Vice-President, Butler: Reunion 97th Mo. at 4 and 5, at Nokomis.

At the 11th Annual Reunion of the 66th Ill. (Western Sharpshooters), held in Sheffield, Aug. 15 and 16, T. H. McDuff, of Paris, Ill., was elected President, and John M. Moody was chosen Secretary. The address of welcome was made by Rev. J. A. Alford, of Sheffield, and was responded to by the Regimental Adjutant, Wm. Wilson, followed by P. M. Hatch and W. B. Hayden; Rev. C. F. Smith, of Neponset, Ill.; Rev. O. O. Smith, of Moline, Ill.; and Rev. Frank McAlpin, of Paris, Ill. Campfire speeches were made by J. E. McGinn, Eph Wood, J. C. Cutler, P. F. Ellis, and others. All were of able talks, and made the boys think of '61 to '65. All comrades who have not contributed to the expenses of next year's Reunion, and wish to, can send such amounts as they like to the Secretary, John M. Moody, Paris, Ill., who will acknowledge the same.